

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Measures in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~The measures of claim 4~~ provide the advantage that a transmission start moment can be determined in a comparatively simple manner.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Measures in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~The measures of claim 5~~ provide the advantage that a waiting time is exactly defined. This is important and advantageous in particular for the case in which no data carriers are present in the communication range of the communication station.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Measures in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~The measures of claim 6~~ provide the advantage that frequent collisions caused by identical transmission start moments of the data carriers are avoided.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Furthermore, a measure in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~the measure of claim 7~~ advantageously achieves that an already inventoried data carrier does not take part any more in the inventorying process during inventorying of further data carriers, which is very advantageous for making the inventorying as fast as possible.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Furthermore, a measure in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~the measure of claim 10 and of claim 14~~ provides the advantage that a

recognition of a response signal given off by a data carrier can be achieved by comparatively simple means, i.e. in that a carrier signal delivered along with the response signal is recognized.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Furthermore, a measure in accordance with an embodiment of the invention ~~the measure of claim 11 and claim 15~~ provides the advantage that the recognition of a response signal can be achieved by comparatively simple means if the data carrier is also constructed as a communication station.--